# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

LISA BLEVINS-QUINTERO,	§	
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Plaintiff,	§	
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VS.	§	
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	§	NO. 2:10-cv-01114-LH/LAM
ENTERPRISE ADVISORY	§	
SERVICES, INC.,	§	
	§	
Defendant.	8	Jury Trial Demanded

## FIRST AMENDED AGREED PROTECTIVE ORDER

Plaintiff Lisa Blevins-Quintero ("Plaintiff") and Defendant Enterprise Advisory Services, Inc. ("Easi") have stipulated and agreed to the following First Amended Agreed Protective Order ("Agreed Protective Order"), in order to facilitate discovery without costly and prolonged discovery disputes and to preserve the confidentiality of information either party considers sensitive or confidential in nature. Accordingly, upon motion of the parties and pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c), it is hereby ORDERED that:

1. All Confidential Information produced, made available, subpoenaed, used, or exchanged in the course of this litigation, including all deposition or other testimony, shall be disclosed only within and used solely for the purpose of preparation for and trial of this litigation and any appeals taken therefrom, and for no other purpose whatsoever, and shall not be disclosed, directly or indirectly, alone or with or through others, in person or through telephonic, electronic, or telecopy communication or otherwise, to any person or entity or media of any sort except to the Qualified Persons as specified in this Order and in accordance with the terms hereof. **Disclosure** of Confidential Information to anyone not a Qualified Person or disclosure made to the

general public through the Internet or any other means is strictly prohibited by this Order.

This Agreed Protective Order is binding upon the parties as an agreement between them even before the Court signs this Order.

- 2. "Confidential Information," as used herein, means any information of any type, kind or character which is designated "Confidential" by any of the supplying or receiving parties, whether it be a document, information contained in a document, electronic communication (e-mail), information received by a subpoena or depositions on written questions or otherwise from a third party, expert or consultant, testimony, or information or exhibits used or revealed during a deposition, hearing, trial, interrogatory answer or otherwise. Information or material which is available to the public at the time of disclosure shall not be Confidential Information.
  - 3. Qualified Persons for Confidential Information as used herein means:
  - (a) Attorneys of record for the parties in this litigation and employees of such attorneys to whom it is necessary and in the regular course of business that the material be shown for purposes of this litigation;
  - (b) Actual or potential independent testifying or consulting experts who have signed a Certificate of Consent to be bound by the terms of this Agreed Protective Order (attached as Exhibit A);
  - (c) Any party to this litigation and its employees, officers, or directors, to the extent necessary to assist in this litigation;
  - (d) Witnesses or potential witnesses to this litigation and their attorneys, but only to the extent the use and disclosure of Confidential Information to the witness or potential witness is in good faith believed by the disclosing party to be **necessary** to determine the witness' knowledge of relevant facts or for the witness to testify. Further, the witness or potential witness shall not be given a copy of any Confidential Information to keep for him/herself except during the time needed for his/her testimony or determining his/her knowledge of relevant facts, or preparation of such witness to give testimony in this case. All witnesses or potential witnesses must sign a Certificate of Consent to be bound by this Agreed Protective Order (attached as Exhibit A) prior to the receipt of any Confidential Information, and the Certificate is to be served on opposing counsel prior to the witness' testimony (by deposition or otherwise);

- (e) The Court, the jury at trial, and the Court's personnel working on this case;
- (f) Any certified court reporter retained to transcribe depositions or other testimony in this litigation, any videographer retained to videotape any depositions in this litigation, any interpreter/translator retained to interpret/translate any deposition or hearing in this litigation, or any mediator retained to mediate this litigation, all of whom shall sign a Certificate of Consent to be bound by this Agreed Protective Order (attached as Exhibit A) before receiving any Confidential Information; and
- (g) Any other person who may be designated as a Qualified Person by Order of this Court, after notice and hearing to all parties, or by written agreement of all parties appearing in this litigation, so long as he/she signs a Certificate of Consent to be bound by this Agreed Protective Order (attached as Exhibit A) before receiving any Confidential Information.
- 4. Documents produced or obtained in this action may be designated by any party or parties as Confidential Information by marking each page of the document(s) so designated with a stamp stating "Confidential," or by sending written notice to the other party specifically identifying the documents to be so designated as Confidential Information. In lieu of marking the original of a document, if the original is not produced, the designating party may mark the copies that are produced or exchanged or otherwise used in this litigation. Originals shall be preserved for inspection.
  - 5. Confidential Information obtained in deposition testimony will be handled as follows:
  - (a) Information disclosed at any deposition in this litigation may be designated by any party as Confidential Information by indicating on the record at the deposition that the testimony is "Confidential" and is subject to the provisions of this Order.
  - (b) Any party may also designate information disclosed at such deposition as Confidential Information by notifying all of the parties in writing, within thirty (30) days of receipt of the transcript, of the specific pages and lines of the transcript which should be treated as "Confidential" thereafter. Each party shall attach a copy of such written notice or notices to the face of the transcript and each copy thereof in his possession, custody or control.
  - (c) If during the course of a deposition, testimony is being elicited that one of the attorneys present believes is Confidential Information, all persons who are not

- Qualified Persons under Paragraph 3 above shall be excluded for the duration of such testimony.
- (d) The court reporter and videographer (where applicable) shall indicate in bold type "Confidential" on the face of and on each page of each original deposition transcript or videotape containing information so classified and on each copy thereof in his/her possession, custody or control. A party who wishes to designate Confidential Information after the court reporter or videographer has released the transcript or videotape (as applicable) shall send written notice to the other party of the portion of the testimony to be so designated, within thirty (30) days of such release.
- 6. Copies of Confidential Information provided to a receiving party shall be maintained in the offices of outside counsel for Plaintiff and Defendant. Any documents produced in this litigation, regardless of classification, which are provided to Qualified Persons of Paragraph 3(b) above, shall be maintained only at the office of such Qualified Person and only working copies shall be made of any such documents. Copies of documents produced under this Agreed Protective Order may be made, or exhibits prepared, by independent copy services, printers or illustrators for the purpose of this litigation.
- 7. Documents previously produced which qualify as Confidential Information under this Agreed Protective Order shall be retroactively designated by notice in writing of the designated class of each document by Bates number within thirty (30) days of the entry of this Order. Documents unintentionally produced without designation as Confidential Information may be retroactively designated by reference to Bates numbers as soon as possible after the issue is discovered and shall be treated appropriately from the date written notice of the designation is provided to the receiving party. The inadvertent or unintentional production of Confidential Information shall not alter the confidential nature and protection of the Confidential Information under this Agreed Protective Order.

- 8. Documents or information to be inspected shall be treated as Confidential Information during inspection even before any designation as "Confidential." At the time of copying for the receiving parties, such inspected documents shall be stamped prominently "Confidential" by the producing party.
- 9. Nothing herein shall prevent disclosure beyond the terms of this Agreed Protective Order if each party consents to such disclosure or if the Court, after notice to all affected parties, orders such disclosures. Nor shall anything herein prevent any counsel of record from utilizing Confidential Information in the examination or cross examination of any person who is indicated on the document as being an author, source or recipient of the Confidential Information, irrespective of which party produced such information.
- 10. A party shall not be obligated to challenge the propriety of the designation of any information as "Confidential," or the designation of any person as a Qualified Person, at the time such designation is made, and a failure to do so shall not preclude a subsequent challenge thereto. In the event that any party to this litigation disagrees at any stage of these proceedings with the designation by the designating party of any information as "Confidential," or the designation of any person as a Qualified Person, the parties shall first try to resolve such dispute in good faith on an informal basis, such as production of redacted copies. If the dispute cannot be resolved, the objecting party may invoke this Agreed Protective Order by objecting in writing to the party who has designated the document or information as "Confidential." The designating party shall be required to move the Court for an order preserving the designated status of such information within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the written objection, and failure to do so shall constitute a termination of the restricted status of such item.

- 11. The parties may, by stipulation, provide for exceptions to this Agreed Protective Order and any party may seek an order of this Court modifying this Agreed Protective Order.
- 12. In the event that a non-designating party wishes to file a document containing Confidential Information in connection with any motions, responses, affidavits, briefs, memoranda of law, exhibits, admissions or other papers filed in Court in this Lawsuit, such party shall, **before filing, check the box in the Court's electronic filing system indicating that the filing is "available only to court personnel and counsel."** In the event that a non-designating party wishes to use or refer to Confidential Information in connection with any live hearings or other court proceedings, the party must first show the Confidential Information to the Court for in-camera review and seek a ruling from the Court (over the designating party's objections, if any) as to whether and how the Confidential Information can be used in the live hearing or court proceeding.
- 13. The parties agree not to unnecessarily include Confidential Information in documents to be filed with the Court so as not to unnecessarily invoke the need for the procedures in Paragraph 12. Further, the parties agree that any ruling on the use of Confidential Information in live hearings or court proceedings has no effect on any party's claims or defenses in this Lawsuit, and that a designating party's inability to secure a ruling prohibiting or limiting the use of Confidential Information in live hearings or court proceedings shall also have no effect on the application of the remaining terms of this Order and shall not render the information "publicly available" so as not to be covered by this Order.
- 14. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the parties or ordered by the Court, all proceedings involving or relating to or mentioning any Confidential Information shall be subject to the provisions of this Agreed Protective Order.

- 15. Within one hundred twenty (120) days after conclusion of this litigation and any appeal thereof, and upon notification by the producing party, any document or data or tangible things and all reproductions of documents or data or other tangible things produced by a party that contain Confidential Information, in the possession of any of the persons qualified under Paragraphs 3(a)-(d), (f), and (g), shall be returned to the producing party or destroyed by the recipient with written notification of the completed destruction given to the party who designated it as Confidential Information, except as this Court may otherwise order or to the extent such information was used as evidence at the trial. Excluded from this provision is that one copy of the complete file for this litigation may be retained in the possession of each party's legal counsel pursuant to that counsel's normal recordkeeping and security policies. If a party disclosed any Confidential Information of another party to any third-party Qualified Persons during the course of this litigation, the party who disclosed the Confidential Information must retrieve all originals and copies from any third party in possession of such information and return it to the party who designated it as Confidential Information or destroy the information with written notice of the completed destruction given to the party who designated it as Confidential Information.
- Order and any other Protective Orders entered in this litigation which restrict the disclosure and use of any documents or information produced or obtained or used in this litigation shall remain in effect for the duration of this litigation, and the terms hereof shall continue to be binding indefinitely after the conclusion of this litigation, except (a) there shall be no restriction of documents that are used as exhibits in Court (unless, after objection from the designating party under Paragraph 12 above, the Court admits the documents under seal or some other limitation), and (b) a party may seek

written permission from the producing party or the Court with respect to dissolution or modification of any Protective Orders.

- 17. Each party's outside counsel shall maintain: 1) a log of all Qualified Persons (as defined in Paragraph 3 above) who are given access to Confidential Information in this Lawsuit; 2) for Qualified Persons as defined in Sections (b), (d), (f), and (g) of Paragraph 3, signed Certificates of Consent to be bound by this Agreed Protective Order; and 3) a log of all copies of "Confidential" documents which are delivered to any one or more Qualified Person of Paragraph 3 above. Any party designating any person as a Qualified Person or providing Confidential Information to any such Qualified Person shall have the duty to reasonably ensure that such person observes the terms of this Agreed Protective Order and shall be responsible upon breach of such duty for the failure of any such person to observe the terms of this Agreed Protective Order.
- 18. Nothing in this Agreed Protective Order shall preclude the parties from objecting to the scope of discovery or to any particular discovery request in this litigation. Specifically, nothing in this Agreed Protective Order shall be deemed a waiver or modification by the parties of any applicable privilege or objection to discovery recognized under federal law, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Federal Rules of Evidence, including any protection for inadvertent disclosure of privileged information.
- 19. Nothing in this Agreed Protective Order shall limit, affect, or otherwise govern the use a party may make of its own information or documents which it designates as Confidential Information.
- 20. Nothing in this Agreed Protective Order shall constitute a waiver or estoppel by any party of any defense or claim in this matter.

- 21. Except as set out herein, nothing in this Agreed Protective Order shall limit, affect or otherwise govern any other understandings or agreements between the parties concerning the confidential treatment to be accorded any document or information. Further, this Order shall not bar any party from seeking any additional Protective Order or other protection as may be warranted.
- 22. The terms and provisions of this Agreed Protective Order shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of each party, as herein defined, its successors and assigns, together with any and all parent, subsidiary, related, and affiliated corporations and entities and their directors, officers, employees, agents, owners, representatives, or attorneys.

# EXHIBIT "A" IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

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# CERTIFICATE OF CONSENT TO BE BOUND BY FIRST AMENDED AGREED PROTECTIVE ORDER

As an individual who (1) is serving as a fact or expert witness in this matter; (2) has been designated, retained or specifically employed by Plaintiff Lisa Blevins-Quintero or Defendant Enterprise Advisory Services, Inc. to aid in preparation for trial in the above-styled proceeding; or (3) is serving as a court reporter, videographer, or translator/interpreter or mediator, I hereby agree to be bound by the First Amended Agreed Protective Order in the present civil action, a copy of which has been provided to me. I further state that I have read the First Amended Agreed Protective Order and understand and agree to the terms and conditions thereof.

Date	Signature	
Identify your role in Lawsuit		

#### IT IS SO ORDERED.

LOURDES A. MARTÍNEZ
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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